Accommodation of civil debtors in the Central Prison.

156. **MR. K. KRISHNAN NAYAR** (*Pattanamtitta*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether the Superintendent of the Central Prison has submitted a scheme to them stating therein that all the civil debtors now accommodated in sub-jails may be given accommodation in the Central Prison and that much expenditure may be saved thereby;

(*b*) if the answer to part (*a*) is in the affirmative, the action taken thereon; and

(*c*) whether they will lay a copy of the scheme on the table?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): (*a*) The answer is in the negative.

(*b*) and (*c*) The questions do not arise in view of the answer to part (*a*).

Clerk dealing with papers re agricultural loans in the Quilon Taluk Office.

157. **MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI** (*Quilon*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the name of the clerk working in the section dealing with petitions *re* agricultural loans in the Quilon Taluk Office;

(*b*) whether he has been punished for any offence at any time;

(*c*) if so, the nature of the charges against him;

(*d*) the nature of the punishment meted out to him; and

(*e*) whether any body has complained against this clerk in 1107?

MR. P. VISVANATHA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): (*a*) R. Ganapati Aiyar.

(*b*) Yes.

(*c*) He tampered with the Kuttakapattam Register maintained by him while in the Taluk Office, Kottarakara, and thereby caused loss of revenue to the Government.

(*d*) He was suspended for 4 months from 23-3-1103 and his promotion barred for one year from the date of the expiry of the suspension and fined half a rupee.

(*e*) No.

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon*): With regard to part (*c*), may I know whether the Dewan got a complaint addressed to him from a prominent citizen, Mr. Prakulam Paramesvaran Pillai, and two others complaining about the difficulty of getting agricultural loans on account of this clerk, Mr. R. Ganapathi Aiyar?

MR. P. VISVANATHA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): I have no information here.

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon*): May I know whether after this interpellation the Revenue Commissioner got any complaint from these gentlemen?

MR. P. VISVANATHA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): I have no information.

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon*): May I know whether it has been brought to the attention of the Government that there are grave difficulties for ryots to get agricultural loans from the Quilon Taluk Office?

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MR. P. VISVANATHA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*) : No.

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon*) : May I know whether the member is aware that I interpellated the Government on a prior occasion on this subject ?

MR. P. VISVANATHA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): There was an interpellation and an answer was given during the last session.

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon*) : The Government promised on that occasion to enquire into the matter. May I know the result of the enquiry if it was conducted ?

MR. P. VISVANATHA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*) : No enquiry has so far been conducted.

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon*) : May I know whether the Government will consider the question of conducting an enquiry with regard to these complaints ?

MR. P. VISVANATHA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): Yes.

Working of the Proclamation re erection of places of worship.

158. **MR. K. C. CHANDI** (*Minachil* cum *Devicolam*) : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether any rules have been framed under the Proclamation dated the 13th Vrischikam 1074 ;

(*b*) whether any instructions have been issued to the officers concerned with regard to the working of the Proclamation ;

(*c*) whether it is a fact that the officers are asked to entertain objections received even after the time prescribed by Section 6 of the Proclamation ;

(*d*) whether it is a fact that opinions are called for from the Devaswom Department with respect to every application ;

(*e*) if the answer to part (*d*) is in the affirmative, whether it is done under any of the provisions of the Proclamation ; and

(*f*) whether the applicants are given opportunities to question the truth or otherwise of the opinion from the Devaswom Department ?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : (*a*) No.

(*b*) Government orders for the guidance of officers who conduct enquiries under the Proclamation have been issued.

(*c*) No.

(*d*) Yes.

(*e*) Under Section 6 of the Royal Proclamation of 1074, a notification is published inviting objections regarding an application for permission to erect a place of public worship. A copy of this notification is also sent to the Devaswom Department for opinion. This has been authorised by G. O. R. O C. No. 206/21/G. B., dated the 2nd September 1922, issued after the separation of the Devaswom from the Revenue Department.

(*f*) No.

MR. K. C. CHANDI (*Minachil* cum *Devicolam*): With reference to answer to part (*a*), may I know whether there is any reason for not framing rules for the working of the Proclamation of 1074.

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